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**MISSION STATEMENT:** *We, the parishioners of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, provide a caring, welcoming environment to all who seek to grow in the Catholic faith through Eucharistic Celebration, Sacraments, and Service in the surrounding community.*



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## Sixth Sunday of Easter May 9, 2021



**"BEING A MISSION-ORIENTED CHURCH THAT FORMS DISCIPLES OF JESUS."**



Welcome! We are glad you joined us! Registration forms are available online—on our website. If you need to update your information on record, please email or call the office **519-966-1953 ext. 20**.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS: CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC—EMAIL or CALL AND LEAVE A MESSAGE.**

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Saturday at 5:00 pm.

Sunday at 9:00 am. & 11:00 am.

**NO PUBLIC MASSES AT THIS TIME**

## WEEKDAY MASSES

No public Masses at this time.

## SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

**Baptism:** Register Online (scheduled every other month)

## EUCCHARIST & CONFIRMATION

**First Communion & First Reconciliation:**

Registration is CLOSED

**Confirmation** - Registration is CLOSED

## SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

**Reconciliation:** Call Fr. Tony for an appointment.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Please call Fr. Tony

## SACRAMENTS OF SERVICE

**Marriage:** Call Fr. Tony at least six months in advance

**Holy Orders:** Contact Fr. Tony

## PARISH COMMITTEES & GROUPS

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## SACRAMENT CORNER

### BAPTISM

Our next Baptism dates have not been scheduled yet. Please direct questions to Christine at 519-966-1953, Ext:24 or email her [ctoffolon@dol.ca](mailto:ctoffolon@dol.ca)



In the meantime, please fill out the online baptism registration form found on our website.

Christine will contact you once a date has been chosen.

**Due to the new stay at home order, Baptisms will not be scheduled until after the order has been lifted. The Baptisms could take place in early June**

## ANNOUNCED WEEKDAY MASSES

### NO PUBLIC MASS

Tuesday, May 11

**Giovanni Durante...***by wife Linda*

**Winnie Boutet...***by Florence LeFaive*

**Oscar & Mamerta Baldovino...***by Mel & Family*

**Suzanne Lozon...***by Len*



### ***Gospel Reading John 15:9-17***

#### ***Jesus commands his disciples to love one another.***

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others.

When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that one of John's intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the beliefs held by the Gnostics. Evidence of this can be found in today's Gospel.

One of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, or gnosis, as the determining aspect of faith. We read today's Gospel as a response to this teaching. In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love. In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used in this passage. The first is *agape*. The second is *philia*. The first word is most often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. The second word is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, *philia*. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made one a servant of God.

Here Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship, not servitude.

Another aspect of Gnostic belief taught that a believer was an elect person, chosen and set apart from the world. John reminds his community that Jesus also taught that a disciple is one who had been chosen—one who had been chosen by Jesus. To be chosen by Jesus, however, is not to be set apart from the world. Instead, to be chosen by Jesus is to be sent to serve the world as he did. The disciples of Jesus were chosen and were sent into the world to bear fruit by serving others, by sacrificing for others, in love.

This reading, like last week's, is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. In the context of John's Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus' Crucifixion.

We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection.

We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death and

Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has

commanded. *\*From Loyolapress.com*

"My command is this:  
Love each other as I have loved you"  
John 15:12



### Feast & Memorial Days

May 12— St. Nereus and Achilleus

May 12— St. Pancras

May 13— Our Lady of Fatima

May 14— St. Matthias



**Pope Francis** is requesting that during this month of May, particularly dedicated to Our Lady, **the entire Church invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the end of the pandemic and, in a special way, he is inviting all to pray fervently for those most closely affected by it.** During each day of May, guided by a calendar with specific intentions [at the link above], all the Shrines around the world, united in a communion of supplication, through the prayer of the Rosary, will intercede for an end to the pandemic. Thirty Marian Shrines have been entrusted in leading the daily prayer intentions and will take turns leading this prayer throughout the Church **while offering the faithful a series of prayer moments for them to participate throughout the entire day.**

Among the Marian shrines chosen is that of Notre-Dame-du-Cap, in Trois-Rivières (Québec). The Holy Father will open and close the month of prayer, on the first and last day of the month. The initiative is inspired from the biblical passage, “from the whole Church unceasingly ascended prayer to God” (Acts 12:5).

The Pontifical Council also informs that the daily prayers will be live broadcast through the official online channels of the Holy See. Further details are available on the Pontifical Council’s website (<http://www.pcpne.va/content/pcpne/en.html>).

*Hail, Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee.*

*Blessed art thou amongst  
women and blessed is the  
fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of  
God, pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of  
our death..*

*Amen.*



### ANNUAL PARISH APPEAL FOR

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# ST. PETER'S SEMINARY

We ask you to access the 2021 Appeal brochure on our website. It can be found on our website under the COVID 19 outreach tab— Message from our faith leaders. If you do not specify where you would like your donation to go, it will be shared between the operational and capital objectives of the Seminary on an approximate 70/30 basis.

Gifts may be sent directly to the Seminary Foundation, or may be collected by the parish as part of a collective parish gift— the special St. Peter's envelopes can be found in your offertory boxes— or you may use an envelope from home and clearly mark it for St. Peter's Seminary— with your name and address on it.

- Online gifts may be received and receipted by Canada Helps Online at: <https://www.stpeterseminary.ca/donations-form.php>
- Gifts may be pledged over a four-year pledge period or by arrangement with the Seminary Foundation
- Gifts which result in \$2500 or greater towards capital are eligible for unique recognition on the future Rekindling the Gift donor wall at the Seminary
- Gifts will generate a tax credit for the donor
- Gifts of marketable securities or life insurance can be received and receipted (contact the Seminary Foundation in advance)

We are grateful for your support of the Seminary in whatever form it comes. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of St. Peter's Seminary.



We are looking for someone or even a family who might like to pull the weeds from our flower beds and trim the bushes and small trees. Is this something that you think you might like to do? Do you want to donate some bedding plants? (and hopefully help us plant them too!) Email or call Christine and let her know.

### OLPH SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

At this time if you wish to help our parish conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you may make a cash donation. They are now offering the option for you to make a e-transfer. Send the e-transfer to [ssvpolph@hotmail.com](mailto:ssvpolph@hotmail.com) In the memo line please put your name & address. The answer to the question is : SSVPOLPH. Thank you for your generosity at this time.

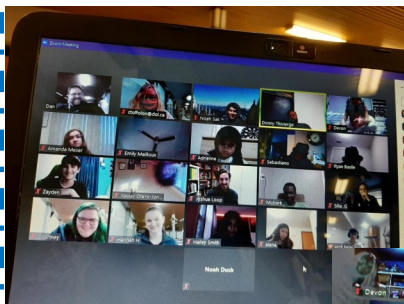




## VIRTUAL SACRAMENTAL CLASSES

Please keep our 14 children who are being prepared to receive their First Holy Communion in your prayers. Pray for their whole family, as this is a family event. The preparation evenings are going well. In this new reality of virtual lessons, we are adapting pretty well. Technology can be a blessing and a curse some days! On Wednesday evenings, Christine meets with four catechists; Nancy Baughan, Beth Hennessy, Loraine Parent & Melissa Toffolon. They gather in the hall at socially distanced tables with their own computers and join in the zoom meeting. Every other week we ask the parents to join us on camera and we have a parent session with them. Each week the children enjoy watching videos, sharing with us and opening their special paper bags that were assembled just for them. The bags contain a sticker for their special attendance card and a small treat.

On Thursday evenings Christine and four catechists; Dan Baughan, Courtney Blevins, Hannah Hartwick & Donny Thivierge meet in the hall for our zoom meeting with the 17 Confirmation Candidates. Each week the Candidates watch videos, share with us and do a game or an activity virtually. They have small paper bags that were assembled just for them marked for each week. Inside these bags are a candy treat or a item that we use in our virtual games. On May 6 the Sponsors joined us on our zoom meeting. It was an amazing night of sharing and friendship. We are grateful that we can take this journey with the youth at this time even if we cannot meet in person. We ask you to pray for the Holy Spirit to guide the Candidates as they continue their preparation classes.



Our Confirmation Candidates. Look at those smiles!

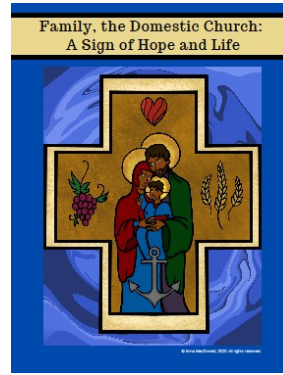
Our Confirmation Candidates and their Sponsors.

## LAUDATO SI' WEEK MAY 16- 24

Pope Francis invites us all to celebrate Laudato Si' Week, which will be held from May 16-24. It will be the crowning event of the Special Laudato Si' Anniversary Year, and a celebration of the great progress the whole Church has made on its journey to ecological conversion. More information and a video invitation featuring the Holy Father are at <https://laudatosiweek.org/>



## NATIONAL WEEK FOR LIFE AND THE FAMILY 2021



The National Week for Life and the Family will be observed from May 9- 16, 2021, with the theme "Family, the Domestic Church: A Sign of Hope and Life/La famille, Église domestique : signe d'espérance et de vie". To read the message from the CCCB President, the Most Reverend Richard Gagnon you can go to this link

[www.cccb.ca/national-week-for-life-and-the-family/](http://www.cccb.ca/national-week-for-life-and-the-family/)

Even during a time of social isolation because of the Coronavirus pandemic, the Sunday liturgy continues to offer nourishment for prayer and reflection during the whole week – whether we are meditating on the readings, or participating in a television broadcast of the Mass and making a spiritual Communion.

Here are some at Home Activities that you can do with your family

- Print out the prayer cards downloadable from this website [www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/4\\_SUGGESTED-EVENTS-AND-ACTIVITES\\_NWLF\\_2021.pdf](http://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/4_SUGGESTED-EVENTS-AND-ACTIVITES_NWLF_2021.pdf)
- Take some time as a family either after supper or before going to bed to share what God has done in your life. Give thanks to God for the blessings that you have received.
- During the week before the next Sunday, take time as a family to read the Mass readings and share your thoughts on them.
- A fun activity for kids 10 and older, is to bake some Bible cookies in a jar (sheet found on their website).
- Pray the Family Prayer:

*Holy Family of Nazareth, as a sign of hope and life you are the model of a home where Love dwells.*

*Jesus, Mary, and Joseph help my family to be a place where the stranger is welcomed, where the poor are fed, and where the lonely find comfort.*

*In imitation of your loving example may we be empowered by the Holy Spirit to live as the domestic church radiating the presence of Jesus and giving glory to God our Father. Amen*



## A Mother's Day Blessing



Blessed is the Mother,  
Who lets the  
Lord be her  
guiding hand,  
Whose faith brings  
her family courage,  
Whose wisdom  
comes from God,  
And whose children  
still stand and  
honor her.

Mary, on this day, when we honour all mothers,  
grand-mothers, carers; we turn to you.

We thank the Lord whom you serve  
for the great gift of motherhood.

Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel  
which brought heaven to earth and changed human history.

You opened yourself to God's word and the Word  
was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Intercede for all of our mothers.

Please ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of  
surrendered love so that they could join  
with you in giving their own.

May they find daily strength to say "yes" to the call of sacrificial  
love- the very heart of the vocation of motherhood.

May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all  
of us called to follow your Son.

On this Mothers' day, Mother of the Word Incarnate,  
pray for us who have recourse to you. Amen

### THE CHOSEN

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<https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen>

*What others are saying about The Chosen:* "Director Dallas Jenkins's new original series, 'The Chosen,' is revolutionary. It offers viewers a glimpse into what the daily and extraordinary life of Jesus Christ and his disciples might have looked like 2,000 years ago and invites the viewer into His story. As a producer myself, I've seen the power film can have to promote the Lamb's agenda of love, truth and justice. 'The Chosen' does that in an incredibly compelling way." *Pastor Samuel Rodriguez*

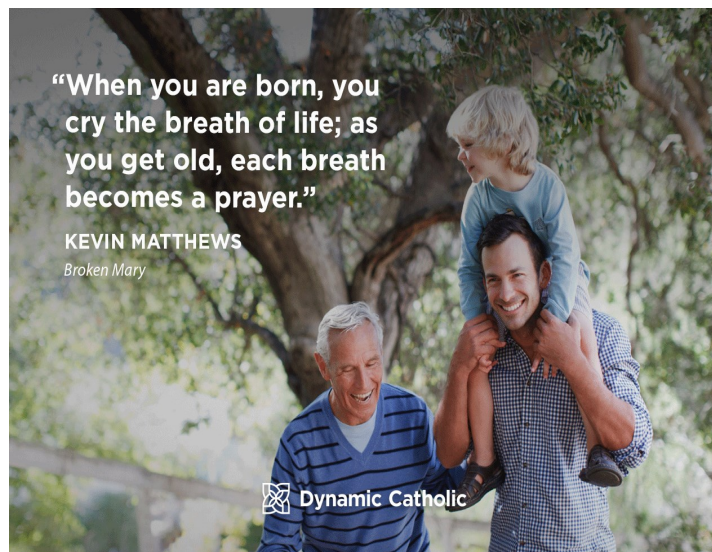
"Though Hollywood has brought us many memorable depictions of Our Lord's life, this project captures more than any other depiction. I've seen the life-changing power of encountering Jesus--fully HUMAN, fully DIVINE. On every level--production, writing, acting, musical score, even symbolic logo--The Chosen is a masterpiece that should be seen by everyone--especially Christians. Bravissimo!!!"  
*Father Paul Dressler*



**"When you are born, you  
cry the breath of life; as  
you get old, each breath  
becomes a prayer."**

KEVIN MATTHEWS

*Broken Mary*



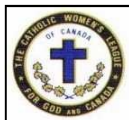


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Dr. John Cappucci

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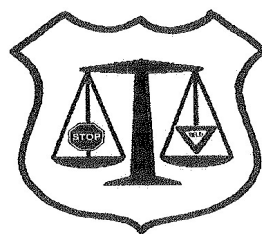
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**Bishop Fabbro has extended the dispensation from Sunday obligation  
until the end of the Easter Season; that is, up to and including  
Pentecost Sunday. (May 23)**